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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thien M. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 5/9/2005 has been entered. Claims 1-11 are presented for examination.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains the use of legal phraseology "are disclosed" as recited in claim 2. Correction is respectfully required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because informal drawings were submitted on filing date. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claim 1-2, 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Malimovitz (Malimovitz – 4,241,943).

Regarding claims 1, 6 and 11, Malimovitz discloses a parking ticket (see figures 1-2) and a parking ticket system. Malimovitz further discloses the method of issuing the parking ticket having a serial numbers that can be used for lottery drawing conducted by the parking authorities after the parking ticket payment was made (see col. 5, lines 55-68). With referring to the claim, Malimovitz discloses a parking ticket (figures 1-2); a lottery indicia (the parking ticket serial number); and the step of registering the number for lottery at payments by parking authorities (see col. 5, lines 55-68). Although

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Malimovitz does not specifically mentioned the term "government sanctioned lottery", the examiner takes the literal meaning of the term "government sanctioned" as legal lottery (sanction – authoritative approval or permission making a course of action valid; Webster's II New Riverside University Dictionary).

As can be seen, Malimovitz discloses the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 2, Malimovitz discloses alternative of having the parking user to send in the parking ticket for enrollment into a lottery drawing (see col. 5, lines 55-68) which thus is considered as the consumer selectively select the lottery ticket number.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 3-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malimovitz (Malimovitz – 4,241,943) in view of Matsuyama et al. (Matsuyama et al. – 5,745,052; herein after referred to as Matsuyama).

Regarding claims 3-5 and 7-9, see the discussions regarding claims 1-2.

The claims differ in calling for a central controller and a means for issuing a parking ticket receipt.

Reference to Matsuyama is cited as an evidence showing the conventionality of the claimed limitations. It is noted that the examiner also considers the central controller as the lottery controller since the central controller of Malimovitz assigned the serial/lottery ticket number to each parking ticket (see col. 5, lines 55-68).

Specifically, Matsuyama discloses a parking ticket system comprising a central processing unit 16 (which serves as the claimed central controller); a parking ticket encoder 10; and a printer for issuing a receipt (not shown but inherent since the receipt is used for fee-adjustment).

It would have been obvious to incorporate the teaching of the combined lottery drawing and parking ticket as taught by Malimovitz in the parking system as taught by Matsumaya. The modification extends Malimovitz's teachings into other parking systems.

Remarks

Applicant's arguments filed on 5/9/2005 have been considered but art mood in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien M. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2396. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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